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Group Art Unit 2863

In re application of _____ : January 20, 2004
Eric P. Solecky et al. : Examiner: Tung S. Lau
Serial No. : 09/996,399 :
Filed: November 29, 2001 : IBM Corporation
Dept. 18G/Bldg, 300-482
Title: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR : 2070 Route 52
CHARACTERIZING FEATURES AT : Hopewell Junction, NY
SMALL DIMENSIONS : 12533-6531

Request for Reconsideration

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

The following request for reconsideration is submitted in response to the final office action dated October 20, 2003.

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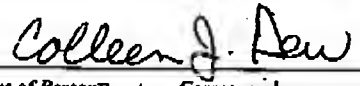
Re Applic of	Eric P. Solecky et al.
Docket No.	FIS920010256US1
Serial No.	09/996,399
Filing Date	November 29, 2001
Attorney	Steven Capella

Attached: REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION & NOTICE OF APPEAL

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Applicant(s): Eric P. Solecky et al.					
Serial No. 09/996,399	Filing Date Nov. 29, 2001	Examiner Tung S. Lau		Group Art Unit 2863	
Invention: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR CHARACTERIZING FEATURES AT SMALL DIMENSIONS					
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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. The fee has been calculated and is transmitted as shown below.					
CLAIMS AS AMENDED					
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TOTAL CLAIMS	30 -	32 =	0 x	\$18.00	\$0.00
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